



**DRAFT AAHC  
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**REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, April 14, 2016**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Dewayne Barton, Marvin Chambers, Sasha Mitchell

**Guests in Attendance:** Sekou Coleman

**City Staff in Attendance:** Alex Carmichael, Roderick Simmons

Chairwoman Sasha Mitchell called the meeting to order at 11:50 AM.

**1. APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES:**

Due to lack of a quorum during the April meeting, approval of the March meeting minutes was postponed until May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**2. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Brochure Update**

Chairwoman Sasha Mitchell said that the brochure was sent to Karla Furnari for printing. Marvin Chamber distributed an African American Heritage Guide from a recent visit to the High Point Convention and Visitors Bureau.

**B. Shiloh Community Association**

Chairwoman Sasha Mitchell said that she met with the Shiloh Executive Committee to discuss their work. They are working to build a "nature scape" playground.

**3. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. NCAAHC**

Chairwoman Sasha Mitchell shared that the North Carolina African American Heritage Commission came to Asheville to collect comments on state monuments in Raleigh, and will continue to take comments submitted online. A representative is willing to come back to Asheville to discuss local monuments. Chairwoman Mitchell suggested that the AAHC of Asheville and Buncombe County could host such public sessions by duplicating the state Commissions' structure.

**B. Other**

- i. Marvin Chambers suggested polling the other Committee Members to see if they remained committed to participating in the Committee. He said that if it is know in advance that there will not be a quorum, the meetings could be rescheduled or canceled.
- ii. Chairwoman Mitchell offered new book recommendations on local African American heritage.
- iii. DeWayne Barton brought the Boy Scout troop flag discussed at the Commission previously. He said that it would cost \$530 to have it framed. He discussed partnership opportunities with Goombay and LEAF

Schools and Streets representatives. He said that he will also meet with representatives from the Shiloh, Burton, and East End neighborhoods to discuss the CAP Plan ("Pierson Plan.")

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sekou Coleman is on a team of local film makers documenting "Black Lives Matter" in Asheville. Mr. Coleman said that they plan to explore how America experiences the black community. The project is called "Beneath the Veneer."

**5. ADJOURN.** The meeting was adjourned without objection at 12:26 PM.